

**I. A Letter to Rugby Parents:** Welcome to the Noblesville Rugby Football. Your daughter has decided to play rugby. For many of you comes the inevitable question:

**Why rugby?**

- Rugby is fun!
- Rugby is full of continuous, aerobic play - keeping kids active.
- Rugby is inclusive - Everyone plays, scores, and wins.
- Rugby encompasses power, agility, strength, and speed.
- Rugby is an international sport played all over the world.
- Rugby is the newest Olympic sport.

Rugby is a wonderful game, with a rich tradition around the world. It is the contact game of choice for countries such as England, Australia, New Zealand, France, South Africa, Argentina, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Wales and many more. Throughout the world, people play rugby from grade school through adulthood. They enjoy playing an exciting game, but they also forge lifetime bonds with teammates as well as opponents.

Building its own new tradition, Noblesville Rugby Football Club is affiliated with USA Rugby and Rugby Indiana. It follows the guidelines of the Rugby Indiana Union's youth development plan, its rules of the game and its code of ethics. In 2013 NRFC will offer **rugby** for girls between the ages of 13(must be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and 19 in the **U19 Divisions (full contact)**. The game of rugby is synonymous with passion, determination and friendship. Rugby has unique attributes and benefits for both young people and adults who play or watch it. That is why we are so excited about welcoming you to our community's growing rugby club. We are looking forward to sharing with you a season of rugby, which we hope will be marked by a growing enthusiasm for the game and its great tradition of sportsmanship.

**Your completed packet, Club Fees and required documents must be turned in before you can participate in club activities.** Please complete, sign and return all forms along with copies the following items: (1) Family Health Insurance Card, and (2) Photo ID (School, Personal, Passport, Etc.)

**Registration Packet Checklist**

2013 Registration Form or Online Receipt. You can register on-line at <http://www.rugbyindiana.com/> and allplayers.com Click on Registration on the left hand side, then at the bottom of page chose Rugby Indiana HS Girls. Then click register next to Noblesville RFC- Girls and follow the instructions. This is the only place to register and to pay dues. All players must be registered ASAP.

- II. Code of Conduct (Player and Parent)
- III. Permission to Participate / Release / Indemnity
- IV. Authorization for Medical & Dental Treatment
- V. Publicity and Photo Release
- VI. Refund Policy

**Please provide us with the following information**

Copy of Family Health Insurance Card

A copy of Student ID with picture (High School students)

○ **\$200 – U19Divisions**

**Refund policy**

There will be absolutely NO refunds.

If you drop for any reason, it will be considered a donation to Noblesville Rugby Football Club Youth Rugby.

**Notes:** Our season starts in January, and ends in April. Rugby division age for 2012/2013 season is determined by player's age on Sept. 1, 2013.

**Tentative Spring 2013 Schedule.**

Check website for up to date Schedule.

Note: Schedule is subject to change.

We are still waiting for Noblesville Schools to let us know if we are able to get gym time. If anyone knows of a gym we could you please let us know. Once we get outside practices will be from 6pm-8pm Monday thru Thursday (Subject to change)

**II. Code of Conduct**

The Noblesville Rugby Football Club follows USA Rugby's code of ethics. Please read and discuss the following, then sign and return it to the team coach.

The Noblesville Rugby Football Club (NRFC) will establish and abide by a strict Code of Conduct governing all coaches, players, and parents. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to ensure that all of the people associated with the club and its programs treat each other with dignity and respect.

The Code of Conduct is a condition of membership for all players, parents, and coaches. All members of NRFC must agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and to be subjected to the consequences of violating the Code of Conduct. It is understood that by enrolling into the NRFC that players, parents and coaches are all bound by this Code of Conduct and its validity is hereby a matter of record and is not dependent upon physical signature.

All enforcement decisions made by the officials / board members of NRFC and the leagues in which it plays are final and are not subject to review. No refunds will be granted to those players dismissed from the club for violating the Code of Conduct.

### **1. PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

It is expected that all NRFC participants read, understand and sign the Player's Code of Conduct and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year. I will -

• **Play for enjoyment.**

- Play hard, but fair. Strive to improve.
- Be respectful of yourself, your teammates, your coaches, your parents, the officials, opponents and the fans at all times.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.
- Be committed to the team and attend all practices and matches.
- Be responsible and open-minded to coaching.
- Know the rules/laws of the game and abide by them.

• **Control my temper at all times.**

- Not swear or use abusive language on the bench, at the field, or at any team function.
- **Not lash out at any official no matter what the call is.**
- Abide by any penalty rule given.
- Not fight for any reason and understand that fighting will not be tolerated and can result in an appearance before a Disciplinary Committee/Board Members.

• **Not drink, smoke, chew tobacco or use illegal substances at any team function.**

- Conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (playing field, hotel, restaurant, etc) during all team functions.

- Support and encourage my teammates and set a positive example.

• **Display good sportsmanship at all times on and off the field.** Be humble in victory, and gracious in defeat.

- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun, improve my skills and play responsibly
- Maturely accept constructive criticism and take responsibility for my actions.
- Attend all practices and conditioning training in order to be eligible to participate in the next scheduled game. If there is a legitimate reason that I cannot attend practice I will provide the coach with 24-hour notice. **Any player who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will forfeit playing time.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **2. PARENTS - CODE OF CONDUCT**

It is expected that all parents of NRFC participants read, understand and sign the Parent's Code of Conduct and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year.

I will-

- Attend team orientation to learn about my child's team and meet the coaches.
- Not force my child to participate on a NRFC team. I will try to make it FUN!
- **Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.**
- Teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn by example (I am a role model). I will teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Not be critical of or embarrass any player including opposition players.
- Never question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are being developed in the same manner as players.
- Respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to provide team sports for my child.
- **Never yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official or spectator at any NRFC activity.** I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any time at the field or any NRFC function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from NRFC games.
- **Leave the coaching to the coaching staff.** I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans.
- Recognize the importance of volunteers, coaches, and officials and communicate with and support them.
- Emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child.
- Attempt to learn about the game of my child's sport (rules, equipment, levels, skills, etc.) so that I may best support my child's development in the game
- Communicate all and any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior to the Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, or NRFC representative.
- Insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment. I will support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs or tobacco and I will refrain from the use at all youth sports events.
- **Remember that my child plays rugby for his or her enjoyment, not mine.**
- I understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitments, the discipline and the social skills learned and acquired.
- I acknowledge that during games, only coaches, athletes and their teams are allowed on the field and will only enter the field of play if specifically requested by coaches or officials.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE, RELEASE, INDEMNITY**

#### **Permission**

The undersigned (requires parent/guardian signature if under 18) hereby grants permission for him/her to participate in the sport of rugby and related activities with the Noblesville Rugby Football Club. In granting this consent, the undersigned understands and acknowledges the physical nature of the sport of rugby and the risks inherent in such physical activity. The undersigned acknowledges that it has been recommended to him/her that they obtain medical clearance prior to him/her participating in the sport of rugby with the Noblesville Rugby Football Club Youth Rugby.

#### **Release and Indemnity**

In consideration of the above player being permitted to participate in the activities specified above, the undersigned agrees to not make or join in a claim or civil suit for injury, death or property damage against the Noblesville Rugby Football Club and the Rugby Indiana Rugby Football Union and constituent bodies, the Rugby Indian Referees Society and all affiliated entities, including, without limitation, their respective administrators, staffs, or volunteers including but not limited to all actions, claims and demands the undersigned or the player may hereafter have for injury, death or property damage as consistent with public policy, arising out of participation in the activity specified above.

Further, if a claim or civil suit is brought against the Noblesville Rugby Football Club, the Rugby Indiana Rugby Football Union and its constituent bodies, the Rugby Indiana Rugby Referees Society and all affiliated entities, including without limitation, their respective administrators, staff or volunteers as result of the actions of the above named player for injury, death or property damage, the undersigned agree(s) to indemnify and hold harmless the afore mentioned including, without limitation, their administrators, staff or volunteers from any and all such claims, suits, damages, including judgments and/or settlements, whether such claims arise out of the negligence or intentional misconduct of the above named player, whether such negligence is active or passive and whether individually or in concert with others.

### **IV. AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT**

The undersigned, as parents or legal guardians of the above named minor player, hereby authorize and grant to the supervising or participating adult, permission in the event of illness or injury, while participating in the activity specified above to consent to the following: x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care rendered to the minor under the general or specific supervision and upon the advice of a physician and surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act or to consent to an x-ray examination, anesthetic, upon the advice of a dentist licensed under the provision of the Dental Practice Act. Said authorization to include the release of any medical or dental records to the attending physician or dentist for review. The undersigned, as parents or legal guardians declare that they have medical coverage and/or the financial means with which to attend to the medical needs of the minor that may result from playing rugby and shall hold NRFC harmless from any liability or medical costs associated with any injury that may occur.

**V. PUBLICY AND PHOTO RELEASE**

I hereby grant to the Noblesville Rugby Football Club (NRFC) the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission to use my child’s likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance as such may be embodied in any photos, video recordings, audiotapes, digital images, and the like, taken or made on behalf of the NRFC or its partners. I agree that the NRFC has complete ownership of such material and can use said material for any purpose consistent with the NRFC’s mission. These uses include, but are not limited to, videos, publications, advertisements, news releases, Web sites, and any promotional or educational materials in any medium. I acknowledge that I will not receive any compensation for the use of such images, video, likeness, etc. I hereby release and discharge NRFC, and its agents, representatives and assignees from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of my child’s name, likeness, image, voice and/or appearance, including any and all claims for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, misappropriation or misuse of image, and/or defamation. As a parent or guardian, I represent that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and that I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents. This release shall be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

**VI. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS** – There will be no refunds if a player elects to drop for any reason. All fees paid will be considered donations to the Noblesville Rugby Football Club. This agreement is being made and entered into under the laws of the State of Indiana and shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of said state. This agreement embodies the entire agreement of the parties. No modification of this agreement shall be of any effect unless it is made in writing and signed by all of the parties to the agreement.

Player’s Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_  
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